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Introduced by Mr. Foy, of Onslow.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE LIBERTY OF THE PEOPLE.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of North
2 *Carolina*, That the citizens of this State are entitled to
3 all the rights and privileges secured to them by the De-
4 claration of Rights, the Constitution, and the laws of North
5 Carolina.

Resolved, That a suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*
2 at Salisbury, and within ten miles of the same, is in its
3 operation and effect, to suspend the writ all over the State,
4 as persons arrested without process of law, are placed un-
5 der guard and hastened off by railroad to Salisbury so rap-
6 idly as to deprive them of any chance of a trial.

Resolved, That we the representatives of the people in
2 General Assembly, believe that it is a stretch of power
3 not demanded by the exigencies of the times, nor warrant-
4 ed by the Confederate Constitution, and is in violation of
5 our Bill of Rights and State Constitution, an usurpation
6 of power, an infringement upon State Sovereignty, and a
7 disregard of the popular will.

Resolved, That this Legislature hereby request and in-
2 struct their Senators and Representatives in Congress, to
3 urge, and procure if possible, a repeal of the law passed,
4 authorizing the President to suspend, in his discretion, the
5 writ of *habeas corpus*.

Resolved, That the military power is subordinate to, and
2 governed by the civil authorities; and that the General

3 Assembly hereby requires and directs the Judges of this
4 State who have taken an oath to administer the law, to
5 see that the writs of *habeas corpus* issued by them, are ex-
6 ecuted.

Resolved, That the Bill of Rights declares that "Every
2 freeman restrained of his liberty is entitled to a remedy to
3 enquire into the lawfulness thereof, and to remove the
4 same if unlawful, and that such remedy ought not to be
5 denied or delayed." We therefore authorize and require
6 His Excellency, the Governor, to order a special term of
7 the Superior Court, to be held in the town of Salisbury,
8 at such time as he may designate, in order that the Salis-
9 bury prisoners, those who are citizens of this State, may
10 have a trial according to law.

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